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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Then why do we have to have a bill to restrict the availability of regular in order to get people to buy what you're talking about?

SENATOR CONNEALY: We...we do not have a bill that would restrict the availability of regular without ethanol. This would not restrict it. It would just make it that you'd also have to have the other available. This is not a mandate to restrict the regular gasoline without ethanol.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, let me ask you this. Since you're putting a formula for the gasoline in this bill, are you willing to change this bill to say that the lowest ethanol blend must be no higher than 87 octane? Are you willing to say that?

SENATOR CONNEALY: That's my goal, but I don't think that it would be the only one because of the fact that you could take the 87 octane gasoline and make a mid-grade gasoline that is still...that is available now that Senator Baker says he's worried about getting rid of. So I don't want to have that the only grade available. I want to...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: No, here's what...

SENATOR CONNEALY: ...broaden the choice.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: No, here's what I'm saying. We're talking about a mandate and a floor in this bill. Are you willing to let the floor for this mandated ethanol mix be 87 octane; that that...that has to be the level of octane of the ethanol blend?

SENATOR CONNEALY: (Inaudible.)

SENATOR CHAMBERS: You can answer on your time. Members of the Legislature, here's what I'm getting at. I was saving this, and we don't have many people here. Right now, Nebraska can find this 85 octane gasoline, add the ethanol, bring it up to 87 octane at the level which regular is at now. They can do that, but they know the public will not buy it. If the public is not going to buy 89 octane ethanol you know it's not going to buy 87 octane. It's not going to buy...pay the same for less. So,